Louis's rejection

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Dear Mary,

I have not an instant to write, & yet I would resist an writing a hasty word but will considered as to matter to Mr James, what pray since June, & pardon my attempts to be economical, since they are for the cause's sake, although they do fall troublesome on you.

I am afraid the poor privilege of reading Mr James's letter will not reward you for it — but read it if you will.

We have had a glorious triumph in the rejection of Lowry, of which I told you I think in my last, & what at any rate you have seen in the papers — but I could not tell you the effect it produces all over the

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Union. We are no more numerous nor powerful to look at — but the weight of moral power is felt as never before here. The delusion of political Juggling had so stultified our people! — I hope we shall dissipate it completely.

I am afraid of some anxiety by hearing from my son Franklin in the South. I thought he might, most likely, hear something thump said, & then I apprehended it to be altogether likely he might knock the offender down — not being a non-resistant. But it took the other turn of making a show of him, & showing him the Plantations, &c. And he wonders how the North can have been so servile, & finds the South the least guilty of the two. What is doubtless so. At least so your Henry Taylor says. [Philip van Artevelde.]

— our guilt "is but more abject, being Non-resistant

Unto another." Farewell till next opportunity.

Your aff. E. L. Chapman